State Of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

On June 10, 1983, Bruce Drake experienced an insulin reaction and lost consciousness while driving through Kadoka. The car ran off the road into a drainage pond and began to sink. Drake's son, Richard, jumped out just before the car went into the pond and ran to get help.

Keith Bonenberger was driving by when he heard cries for help. He did not hesitate or ponder on what needed to be done. He took the quick, decisive action necessary to save a life and immediately jumped into the water and pulled Drake from the now-submerged car.

True courage is a unique combination of mental perception and physical stamina--a quickness of vision and a strength of action. Because Keith possessed both, a tragedy was averted on that June day.

It is no small act to save another person's life, and Keith Bonenberger's quick action, skill and courage in saving Bruce Drake's life gives all South Dakotans cause to commemorate his act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

KEITH BONENBERGER

and join his family and friends in saluting him for his selfless courage and valor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

William Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

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